

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
August 21, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
Telephone Conference Call**

**Members Present:**

Janet Adams	Michael Ash
Amy Brace	Crystal Ford
Tedd Gassman	Fred Moore
Herman Quirnbach	Jeremy Varner
Karolyn Wells	Cindy Winckler

**Members Absent:**

Roger Claypool	Tim Kraayenbrink
Katie Mulholland	Doug Shull

**Staff Present:**

Julie Leeper  
Karen Misjak  
Carolyn Small  
Ashley Wendt

**Guests Present:**

Chris Rider	Carlson College of Massage Therapy
Andy Thompson	Shiloh University

## **Call to Order**

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met on August 21, 2015 via telephone conference call. Commission Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

## **Administrative Rules**

Motion: Commissioner Moore moved to propose amendments to Administrative Rules Chapter 21 - Postsecondary Registration. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion which passed with Commissioner Varner and Commissioner Ash voting against.

Julie Leeper told Commissioners that Administrative Rules for Chapter 21 were approved by the Commission during its July 17, 2015, meeting. However, when the Rules were submitted, the question as to whether the fees would cover expenses related to postsecondary registration was raised. The Commission's Legislative Committee met to discuss the fee question and decided to bring the question back to the Commission for additional discussion and action. The Committee recommends a \$5,000 annual fee for all schools seeking postsecondary registration with the Commission.

Chris Rider from Carlson College of Massage Therapy said the impact of the increased fee is a cause of great concern over the impact for a school of their size and questioned whether a sliding scale would be an option.

Ms. Leeper reminded Commissioners that there will be a comment period when the proposed rule is published which will give all schools an opportunity to express concerns about the rule – including the fee structure.

Commissioner Winckler said as more states choose to participate in SARA there will be fewer out-of-state schools having to register and is concerned that we are setting ourselves up for an ongoing deficit. The state does not cover the Commission's administrative costs. As this cost is set up the Commission needs to be mindful that it may have to go back and make it self-supporting. Commissioner Varner agreed with Commissioner Winckler's concerns and feels that it should cover the full cost. However, he also feels the fees structure should be phased in and that a sliding scale would fairly allocate the costs.


Andy Thompson from Shiloh University, a small private nonprofit school, said the proposed fee would be a 500% increase requiring state licensure to be a large part of their annual budget which would cost more than their accreditation. Mr. Thompson said his school would also like to see the sliding scale.

Commissioner Quirmbach reminded everyone that the Commission earned money for the loan guarantee services and used that money to offset the overhead to fund the services it provides. The Commission is no longer in the guarantee business and has to rethink all of the programs and how to fund services. The Governor's office bounced the rule back to Commission staff to ensure that we review the fee structure. By setting the fee at \$5,000, it is a phase in rate. The fee is the same for all schools because it takes same amount of time and cost to review and approve any school's application. Commissioner Quirmbach feels it makes sense that the fee is the same.

Commissioner Ash appreciated Senator's Quirmbach's comments and stated if all schools got the same revenue then it would be different. The revenue that comes to the institution is based upon enrollment and shared that he voted against the straight fee and is more favorable to the set up that MHEC SARA has with the sliding scale based on the enrollment numbers. He realizes that the Commission has not had support from the legislature to cover expenses and continues to be troubled by the fact that the Commission is seeking to cover expenses by increasing a fee. Community Colleges have never registered with the state of Iowa and the fee is going from \$0 to \$5,000.

Commissioner Winckler said the Commission is up against a January deadline for implementation and reminded everyone that public input will be reviewed during the Administrative Rules Process. Commissioner Winckler continued saying that she spoke with the Community College in her district and shared that the college told her it would take the equivalent of enrollment of 3 distant education students to cover this fee and that the college understands the advantage of participating in SARA.

Commission adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

  
JANET ADAMS, CHAIR

  
CRYSTAL FORD, VICE CHAIR